



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### DYSAUTONOMIA AWARENESS MONTH

- WHEREAS: Dysautonomia is a group of medical conditions that result in a malfunction of the autonomic nervous system, which is responsible for "automatic" physiological functions such as heart rate, blood pressure, digestion, pupil dilation, and temperature control; and
- WHEREAS: Some forms of dysautonomia are more common, such as diabetic autonomic neuropathy, neurocardiogenic syncope, and postural orthostatic tachycardia syndrome (POTS), which affects approximately 540,000 Americans. Roughly 1 of every 100 teenagers is likely to be affected by POTS; and
- WHEREAS: POTS affects individuals of all ages, ethnicities, and backgrounds, though most new diagnoses are in women between the ages of 15 and 50; and
- WHEREAS: Other forms of dysautonomia are considered rare diseases including multiple system atrophy and pure autonomic failure; and
- WHEREAS: Dysautonomia can cause severe disabilities, which may result in social isolation and economic hardship for those affected and their families; and
- WHEREAS: There is currently no treatment or cure for dysautonomia, and research into this illness is in its early stages. Greater awareness about dysautonomia will help those affected find diagnoses more quickly for earlier treatment. Further, greater awareness will help to generate support for individuals and families in our communities who are coping with dysautonomia; and
- WHEREAS: During Dysautonomia Awareness Month, we recognize the many members of the professional medical community, individuals affected by dysautonomia, and their family members, all of whom are working to generate greater awareness of dysautonomia in Georgia; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim October 2018 as DYSAUTONOMIA AWARENESS MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 6<sup>th</sup> day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand eighteen.



Nathan Deal  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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